



Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

*write it
on your
heart* ♥

New Beginnings - Focus on Stewardship

Over the past few months, the Stewardship Team has encouraged us to consider how our personal response to God's unconditional love and grace guides our decisions and actions.

The start of a new year offers the perfect opportunity to make this reflection intentional and to commit ourselves to living out God's will with greater purpose.

In the spirit of new beginnings, I invite you to consider what ministry opportunities God is laying on your heart for this new year? How are you being called to serve your community, your world, and those around you in ways that reflect God's love? In what areas of your life—whether through your time, your talents, or your finances—can you more intentionally align yourself with your baptismal promises?

Perhaps you are being invited to reach out to those in need, offer a listening ear, or to share your talents in new ways that bring healing and hope. Maybe it's a pull to spend more time in prayer. In this new year, might God be leading you towards giving more generously, not just of your money but of your energy and attention, to things that truly matter?

As we move into 2025, prayerfully consider how you can live differently, more intentionally living out what God has *written on your heart*. Perhaps it's about prioritizing time for family, deepening your faith through Bible study, committing to serve in a ministry that challenges you to grow or committing to some level of financial support of the ministries happening through St. John.

Living our faith Enriching lives is about more than just words; it's about how we act, how we love, and how we share God's love with those around us.

What is "*written on your heart*" in this new year?

Pastor Cindy
On behalf of the Stewardship Team

HAPPY
New Year



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2025
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Put this on your calendar.
Congregational
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2025
9:00 am

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

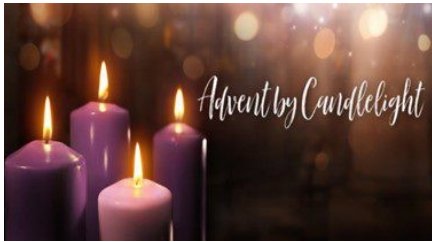


Please help to undeck the halls following the 8:00am service on Sunday, January 5th. "Many hands make light work".



Thank you for your gifts supporting the DPCO Christmas Store. Together we provided a brighter Christmas for over 200 families of the De Pere area.

That's amazing.
Thanks be to God!



Advent by Candlelight was a wonderful evening of fellowship and reflection. A thoughtful Advent program, presented by Judy Koeune-Brown followed by delicious desserts was enjoyed by over 65 women. Many canned goods were collected for the Food Pantry and \$365 was raised to for the New Shelter Meal St. John provides once a month. Thank you to Stephanie Zinkel for providing music, Gail Ryan for her beautiful decorating of the GREAT room space, all those who hosted and decorated tables, Marlene Bergum and Judie Pinkall for serving as our greeters and to everyone who attended and gave so

generously. It was a wonderful beginning to our Advent journey.



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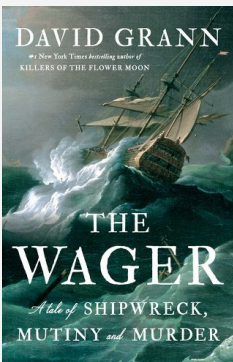
Trust Fund

As a new year begins, many of us are taking time to reflect on our many God given blessings. The Christmas holidays continue to inspire us to share those blessings. As you are considering your charitable giving for the new year and beyond, the St. John Trust Fund Committee would like you to remember the Trust Fund. The Trust

Fund enables St. John to extend its mission by providing financial support to ministries that fall outside the congregational operating budget.

To make a gift to the Trust Fund or if you have questions, please contact one of the Trust Fund Committee members; Brian Holtebeck, Bill LaBelle, Randy Ronsman, Sean Day or Pastor Cindy. Lastly, your donation may help offset your tax bill through the use of charitable tax credits.

Randy Ronsman
Trust Fund Treasurer



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 16th at 1:00 PM.

We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny & Murder by David Grann. The Wager is a mesmerizing story of a shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. On January 28, 1742, a ramshackle vessel of patched-together wood and cloth washed up on the coast of Brazil. Inside were thirty emaciated men, barely alive, and they had an extraordinary tale to tell. If you were unable to attend the December meeting, extra copies of the book may be available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987) for more information. Everyone is welcome!

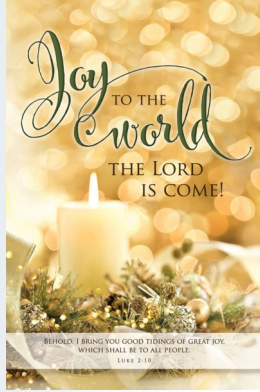


CONFIRMATION CAROLING

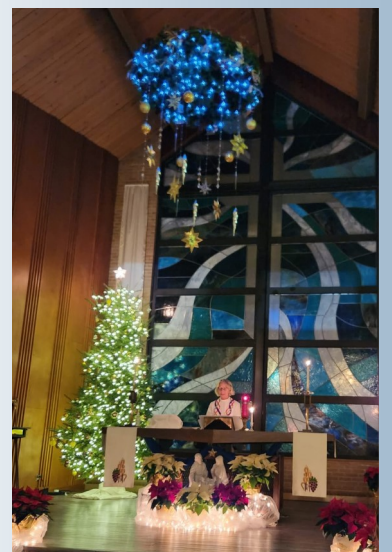
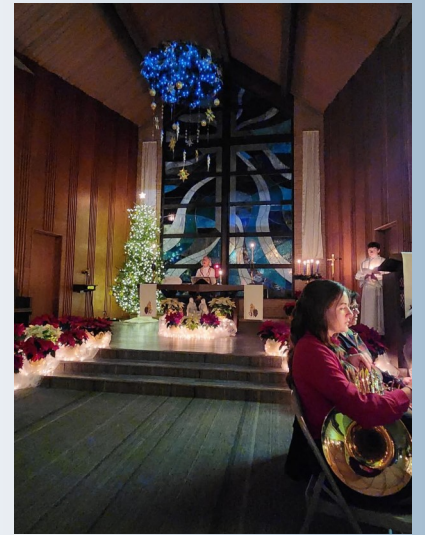
On Dec. 4th, despite some nasty road conditions, our Confirmation students went caroling at Sage Meadows and the Residence at Renaissance Assisted Living and Memory Care. It was wonderful to see the smiles the students brought to the residents faces and to have them sing along! Thank you Jill Q. for leading us!!



WORSHIP



Thank you to all our musicians for sharing their musical talents & to all who gave a Poinsettia plant to adorn our worship space.





YOUTH-full Joyful Noises



Children's Choir & Youth Choir rehearsals start up after the holidays on Sunday, January 5th.
Youth Choir - 8:45am
Children's Choir - 9:30am

If questions, please reach out to Jill Quigley at 920-360-5772



The next Praise Band Sunday will be January 12th. See you then!



Youth Choir Needs You...

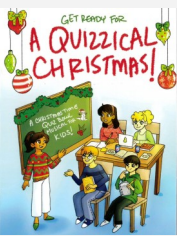
- * Any student 2nd grade or older
- * Middle & high schoolers welcome
- * Rehearsals Sundays at 8:45am



ADULT CHOIR rehearses the first 3 Sundays of the month in the choir room at 9:00am. We are always looking for new members.



Thank you to everyone who played a role in the success of the Sunday School and Youth Choir Christmas Program. The program would not be possible without the help of all the adults, students, teachers and direction from Jill Quigley.





WORSHIP AT HOME



CALL TO WORSHIP † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

God-with-us, we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 36:5-10

⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ **They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**



*Read the appointed lesson for the day. Take time to reflect and discuss its message or journal your reflections.
Let the Holy Spirit guide you.*

†JANUARY 5TH

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

John 1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†JANUARY 12TH

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†JANUARY 19TH

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†JANUARY 26TH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pray for the church, the world, your prayer list, the people in the church directory and anything else that the Holy Spirit places on your heart.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

OFFERING

God calls us to give generously of our hearts and gifts. How will you live and give today?
Visit www.stjohndepere.org to give online.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever, and ever. Amen.

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FAITH FORMATION



5th-12th grade youth

Join us for Synod Snow Tubing on January 11! We will meet at St. John between 9:05 and 9:15 AM to load vehicles and drive to Kewanee Winter Park and return around 12:45 PM. The cost is \$10 per person for a two hour tubing pass. There is a chalet with a concession stand with limited items if youth would like to bring additional money. Please RSVP either Tammy MSYouth@StJohnDePere.org or Sarah Youth@StJohnDePere.org by January 8 if you plan to attend.



Our next D & D campaign will be starting in January! The table is open to 6th -12th grade youth on January 12th, February 9th, & March 9th. Please RSVP to Sarah at youth@stjohndepere.org if you plan to attend the January event.



High school youth, we will be preparing care packages for our college youth Sunday, February 9th from 6-8 PM. Pizza and snacks will be served. Sarah will be signing service hour documentation. Please RSVP to Youth@StJohnDePere.org

by February 7th if you plan to attend, so we can plan for food.



Crossways Camp 2025

Confirmation students are expected to attend a Crossways Camp at least once during their time in our confirmation program.

(But more is even better!!)

Follow this link to register your child (or your family) and be sure and let Pastor know the week you're attending.

<https://www.crosswayscamps.org/summer-camp>

This link is good for all age levels, not just confirmation age! \$200 scholarships toward a full week of camp are available.

(Camperships also available for families, grandparents and younger/older students attending a Crossways camp.)

Students and families are eligible for scholarships every year!

Contact Pastor Cindy for more information regarding scholarships.



There is something for every age! Grandparent/kid camp, Family camp, Camp Jr. for pre-ks, HS Leadership camp and of course special camp weeks for 1st grade through High School.

FAITH FORMATION

BIBLE STUDIES

CHRIST CARE

Christ Care meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month @10:00am.

Questions?

Please call Carlyn at 929-983-0327

MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month @8:30am. On **January 15th** we will be meeting at Nicolet Restaurant and then back to church for Bible study. Scriptures:

I Corinthians 12:12-31a, Psalm 19, Luke 4:14-21

If you have any questions call Jim Johaneck at 920-323-0833.

MISSION & SERVICE

Attention congregation!



We will be sending out care packages to college students from our congregation in February. Please take a heart from the Youth Bulletin Board starting January 26th and return your item(s) by the end of worship on February 9th.

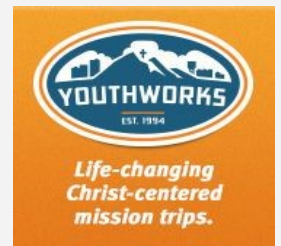
Parents - If you have a college student or active duty military member who would like a care package, please send their mailing address to Youth@StJohnDePere.org by January 26th.

8th-12th graders!



Time is running short to sign up for the Benton Harbor mission trip this July 6-11! A few unfilled spots remain; now is the best time reserve your spot before it's gone. Additionally, we're still looking for at least one more leader over age 26 to join us. Reach out to Hollie

Lindeman if interested: missiontrip@stjohndepere.org



Winter Collection for Homeless Shelter - January 1-31

Cassidy Baciak (one of our SJLC youth) has been chosen to be part of the Green Bay Teen Leadership group! Way to go Cassidy!

This January we are supporting her role with the group by being a collection site for their hygiene and sock drive. The collection will run from January 1st through January 31st, and we invite everyone to participate.

Requested Donations: • Body Wash • Shampoo • Bar soap • Men's & Women's Socks • Individual Hygiene Products



The Green Bay Teen Leadership group will distribute these items to individuals experiencing homelessness, offering both practical support and a sense of comfort. By providing these everyday essentials, we are showing compassion and care, offering a reminder that someone sees their struggle and wants to help. A donation bin will be available in the narthex throughout January where you can place your items. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to spread warmth and care this winter season! Questions? Please reach out to Cassidy Baciak for more information.

Email: cassidy.baciak@gmail.com



MISSION & SERVICE

If you, a loved one, or a friend would like to have prayers, please call Karen Cota at 920-632-2015 or e-mail Carlyn Cooper at clpdkcm@twc.com.

We will get your requests out to our faithful prayer warriors.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors in need in 2024!

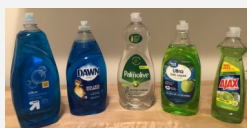
A collage of four photographs showing groups of people, likely volunteers, inside the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry. The photos are framed by a decorative border of green pine branches, red and white striped ribbons, and red Christmas ornaments. The top right photo shows the exterior of the building with a sign that reads "De Pere Christian Outreach FOOD PANTRY". The bottom right photo includes the logo for "REACHING OUT TO HELP OTHERS De Pere Christian Outreach".

Hi from Mission Sewing We hope that your holidays were enjoyable. If you want to try something new this year you could come and join us on Thursday mornings from 9am until noon. If you cannot make it the whole just come for as long as you can. Or you can stop in to see what we do. If you have any fabric or gentle used sheets you want to get rid of, please remember that we could use for making the quilts. You could also pick up a bag of cut squares in the narthex to take home to sew and put the finished top in the sewing room. We have a lot of laughs and treats so we hope that you can come and join us. If weather is bad sewing will be canceled. Judy Beerntsen



PRAYER requests

Please hold in healing prayer, Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon Johnson, Jim Johnson, Carole Tobisch, Gerry Bos, Jim Marquardt, James Sucha, & Dick VandenHeuvel.



This month's focus for the DPCO Food Pantry is **dish soap**.

Despite the multiple food drives this past month, we are low on the following items and could use your help:

- * Cans of pasta sauce
- * Mac & Cheese
- * Baked Beans
- * Oatmeal



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER - 301 MATHER ST, WEST GREEN BAY

Volunteers from St. John serve and/or provide deserts for the evening meal on the first Saturday of each month from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Thank you to Dave & Lois McAllister, Carol Grom, & Jan & Ron Widell who served and to Melissa Nordwig, Jan VandenHeuvel, Cindy Nordwig, Rozann Roberts, & Lois McAllister who provided deserts the month of December. Please sign up on the ministry board at church or using the QR Code for a time that works for you to volunteer or provide deserts. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Basak at 920-339-6246.

We still need deserts for the January 4th meal.



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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Service
8am & 10:00am Service
Education - 9:00am



OFFICE HOURS

8:00am – 3:00pm

Mon - Thurs

Hours may vary.

Please call ahead.

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